



## Frequently Asked Questions-Food Safety

Submit your questions to: [NMCPHCPTS-EnvironmentalHealthGroup@med.navy.mil](mailto:NMCPHCPTS-EnvironmentalHealthGroup@med.navy.mil)

### When will the NAVMED P-5010, Chapter 1, be updated?

The most recent revision is drafted as a joint document (Navy, Army, and Air Force); therefore there are multiple layers of policy it must be routed through. Final endorsement of the document by BUMED Surgeon General and other service SGs is pending official form numbering of the food establishment inspection form.

### Will there be a grace period for transitions to the new standards and form?

BUMED has not set a policy to address a transition period.

- Tri-Service Food Code training is being offered at each regional Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit to help ease the implementation of new inspection forms, procedures, and conducting a risk assessment.

### Why don't we follow the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Food Code?

The FDA Food Code is a model that assists food control jurisdictions at all levels of government by providing them with a scientifically sound technical and legal basis for regulating the retail and food service segment of the industry. Local, state, tribal, and federal regulators use the FDA Food Code as a model to develop or update their own food safety rules and to be consistent with national food regulatory policy.

- The updated NAVMED P-5010-1, which will be known as the Tri-Service Food Code is modeled very closely after the FDA Food Code.

### What is the most current temperature for hot holding?

The Food and Drug Administration 2009 Food Code changed their recommendation for a hot holding temperature to 135 degrees F.

### Am I allowed to certify food service personnel for off-base food establishment?

No, the Navy Food Manager's course is intended for on-base Navy food service personnel.

- State and local public health departments regulate certification requirement for food service personnel for off-base food establishments.



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### **A resident living in on-base privatized housing wants to start a catering service. Does it need to be approved and inspected by the local preventive medicine authority?**

No, the catering service is subject to state and local health standards and business regulations, including correct licensing of the business.

- Preventive Medicine Authority should contact the local health department for guidance if this type of request is made.

### **When is the Tri-Service Food Code (TSFC) course going to replace the current Food Safety/Manager course?**

The TSFC course is not a Food Managers course. It is intended to provide an overview of the significant changes of procedures, inspection standards, and new forms.

- The Food Managers course will be reviewed in 2014.
- The content of the Food Managers course will not need to be drastically updated when the

TSFC is officially released. The content of the current course is based on food safety and sanitation fundamentals, which do not differ significantly between the current NAVMED P-5010-1 and the new TSFC (NAVMED P-5010-1).



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You may contact the following public health resources for guidance and assistance:

## 1. Navy and Environmental Preventive Medicine Unit

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